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SUBJECT: CARDINAL PROTESTS G8, SEEKS
GLOBALIZATION WITH A HUMAN FACE

11. (U) THIS IS A REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE, PLEASE
SEE PARA FOUR.

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12. (U) CARDINAL DIONIGI TETTAMANZI OF THE GENOA
ARCHDIOCESE IS PLANNING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
THE G8 SUMMIT IN GENOA TO PROMOTE THE VATICAN'S
VISION OF A GLOBALIZATION THAT LEAVES NO
INDIVIDUAL BEHIND. THE CARDINAL HAS INITIATED
A SERIES OF PRE-G8 CONFERENCES TO REFLECT ON
CHRISTIAN HUMANISM AND THE ECONOMY IN THE FACE
OF GLOBALIZATION. THE LATEST OF THESE
CONFERENCES, ATTENDED BY OVER 1000 PEOPLE, WAS
SPONSORED BY A CATHOLIC NGO (NEW HUMANITY) AND
WAS SUPPORTED BY ARCHDIOCESE OF GENOA. THE
WEEKEND CONFERENCE DEVELOPED A PLAN TO PRESENT
TO G8 SUMMITTEERS A "GENOA DOCUMENT" INTENDED TO
PROMOTE "AN ECONOMY OF COMMUNION" (I.E. AN
ECONOMY WHICH VALUES THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL
MEMBERS OF A SOCIETY AND WHICH EXPLICITLY
PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR THE POOR).

13. (U) TETTAMANZI UNDERLINES THAT THE CHURCH,
UNLIKE MOST SECULAR PROTESTERS (E.G. THE
"SEATTLE GROUP") IS NOT AGAINST GLOBALIZATION
PER SE, WHICH IT VIEWS AS AN HISTORICAL
INEVITABILITY. VATICAN AND CHURCH RELATED NGOS
WILL SEEK TO CONFRONT IN GENOA ONLY THE
NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF GLOBALIZATION. DURING THE
G8 TETTAMANZI WILL FOCUS PROTEST ON AREAS WHERE
GLOBALIZATION RESULTS IN BASIC INJUSTICES (SUCH
AS INCREASING POVERTY) WHICH HE ASSERTS ARE
REAL AND DRAMATIC IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD.
HE WILL ALSO OFFER SOLUTIONS BASED ON THE

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ETHICAL TREATMENT OF HUMAN BEINGS.

14. (SBU) CHARGE PLANS TO VISIT THE CARDINAL AND
WILL UNDERSCORE THE NEED FOR ANY ANTI-
GLOBALIZATION RHETORIC TO FOCUS ON REAL
PROBLEMS AND REAL SOLUTIONS. POST WOULD
APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON SPECIFIC THEMES TO
RAISE.
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